

## FORMATION OF BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Is Assured, With Six Or Eight of City's Leading Institutions Taking Berths.

BY BOB PIGUE.

For the purpose of formulating plans for the proposed city basketball league which is to be organized in Memphis this year, a meeting will be held by the athletic heads of the different schools of the city one evening next week. The proposed organization will be a league of basketball clubs and players all over the city, who are eager to play basketball and to have a regular game this fall and winter. R. W. App, athletic director at the Y. M. C. A. is heartily in favor of it, and is lending his efforts toward the organization of the league, which he believes will prove a boon to the sport lovers of Memphis.

There are good basketball players without number in Memphis who could be secured for such a league, and that at least six strong teams could be formed is the belief of those who are in thorough touch with the situation. The proposition is to organize a six or eight club league and to play regular scheduled games every week in some local gymnasium. Small admission prices would be charged and thereby the incidental expenses of the league could be defrayed.

### Several Entries Certain.

There are several entries certain, among them being the West Tennessee Normal, where many students are in training and among whom are a number of basketball stars. That a good team could be recruited from this bunch goes without saying, and the Normal would be a hard nut for the others to crack in the fight for the basketball pennant. It is understood that the athletic directors at Normal are heartily in favor of the organization of a city basketball league, and will lend their efforts toward the successful formation of the project.

In addition to Normal, there is Central High school and the Memphis University school, both of which can be counted on to put strong teams at the field. There is a large enrollment at both institutions from which crack basketball could be mustered, and they would be able to furnish some stiff competition during the season. Christian Brothers college, always in for any branch of athletics, is certain to take one of the berths in the proposed league, and Brother Hubert will be able to dig up a quintette which will be hard to stop.

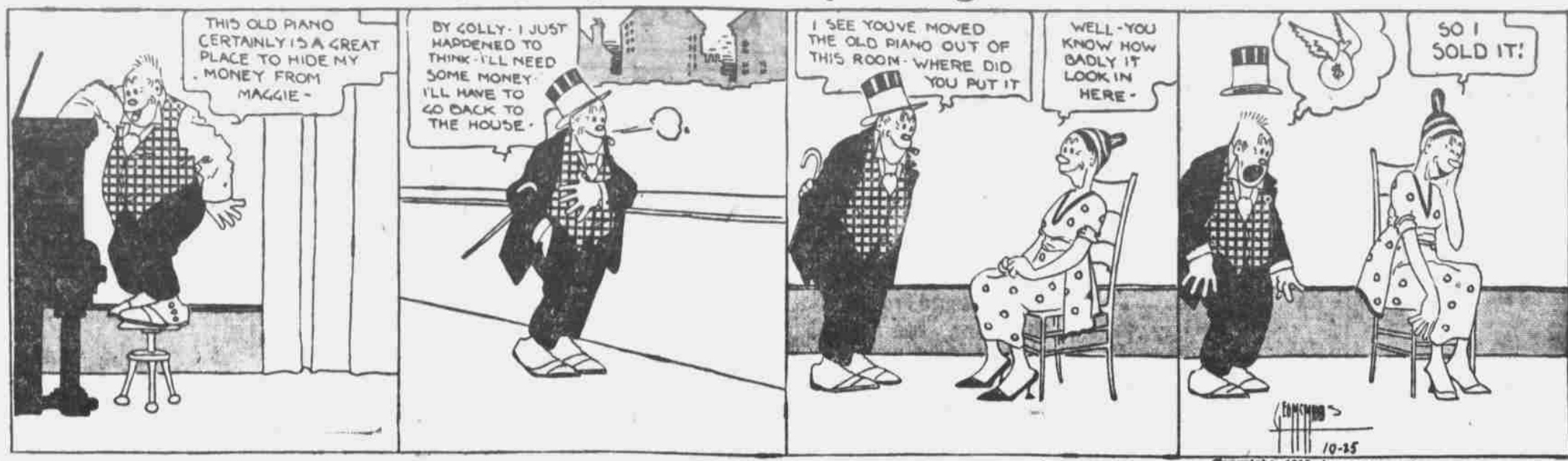
The local Y. M. C. A., which always boasts of a team which is hard to beat, will be represented in the league beyond a doubt, for Coach Tapp is one of the organizers of the proposed circuit, and will arrange a crack quintette. There is only three last year's men back this year. Blackburn, captain, crutchfield, forward, and McCormick, center, are available, in addition to the following new men: O'Connell and Campbell, former high schoolers, Hamilton, Allen, Chase, Perry and Johnson. A special rail for practice for "Y" players at 7 o'clock Saturday night at the association building has been made by Tapp.

The proposed city basketball league is proving popular throughout Memphis basketball circles and it is certain to crack in the fight for the basketball pennant. There is a big demand for basketball this year and local basketball fans will relish the opportunity to play league basketball.

### NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION, Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 25.—A new \$100,000 athletic field house, containing a gymnasium, swimming pool, lounge and dressing rooms and the latest of modern sport equipment, is being erected at Great Lakes. The building is to be a two-story frame structure 200 feet long and 48 feet wide. It will be situated adjacent to the football and baseball grounds.

## Bringing Up Father—By George McManus



## UNCLE SAM'S HUN DRIVERS TO RECEIVE CLUBS AND BALLS FROM LOCAL GOLFERS



Uncle Sam thinks enough of golf as a "form of recreational activity" that he will play an important part in counteracting the tension incident to intensive training of the men who are preparing themselves for service overseas, to spend huge sums of money in building and equipping camps and in providing other facilities for the game in all cantonments and training camps in the country.

He will leave it to golfers of Memphis and elsewhere to furnish balls, clubs and other accessories of the ancient Scottish game, and Memphis golfers may picture balls, donated by them, bearing the imprint of the Kaiser's head, and having all over them the words "Uncle Sam's Hun Drivers." Their clubs, which have been used for driving innocent-looking white golf balls, will be employed by the enemy soldiers of the country in swatting their painted replicas of the subject of their hate.

There is a need for both balls and clubs. The above picture shows a hefty looking soldier, capable of swatting the ball an almost unthought of distance, using nothing more than a club, seized by the barrel for a club. The clubs you will donate will replace the gun and the balls you give will take the place of the Kaiser's head. But the result will be largely the same, so far as the Kaiser is concerned, because the new strength and the new "pep" that golf will put into the men will enable them to make that much quicker work of "driving" to Berlin and putting the Kaiser and his baby-killers out of business.

There are approximately 2,000 golf players in Memphis and plans have been formed for assembling and forwarding to the war department commission on training activities, for distribution among the various camps and cantonments.

The United States Golf association is assisting in the movement and is asking all associations and clubs to appoint a committee to look after collection and forwarding of balls and clubs donated. The Memphis Country club and Colonial country club have already taken the necessary steps and complete outfits, including balls, bags, brasses, drivers and irons will soon be on their way to the war department commission on training activities, Washington. Paul Andrews and W. N. Brown, professionals at these clubs, are looking after the donations.

Balls, if used, should be in good condition. The name is true of every ball. As to clubs, you are at liberty to send those you have discarded, but it would be a fine display of patriotism and true sportsmanship to give the boys in the training camps some of the favorite clubs with which you have made your best scores.

Indeed, nothing will be so good for these men, considering the tremendous help they will give in fitting them for their arduous duties overseas.

## TECH STEAM ROLLER IN WORKING ORDER

Has Scored 269 Points Already in Three Contests.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 25.—Georgia Tech's "steam roller" has been sent against three foes so far in 1918 and has established an amazing record in point scoring and nine "green" players, so far has made a record that overshadows even the remarkable performance of the championship eleven of a year ago. Up to the present time Georgia Tech has played three games, with this result:

Georgia Tech 28, Clemson 6.  
Georgia Tech 18, Furman 0.  
Georgia Tech 123, Fort Oglethorpe (its cavalry).

That makes a total of 269 points in three contests—an average of almost 90 points per game.

Georgia Tech tomorrow faces a hard game with the Camp Gordon eleven, a large team of the most famous football stars that ever walked on the gridiron. The team is coached by Everett Struphar, who just a year ago was the backfield quarterback of Georgia Tech, and ranked universally as an all-American back. Mount Pleasant, the famous Carle quarterback of a few years ago, is occupying a similar position on the Camp Gordon team and another of the stars is Bears, the great Dartmouth center.

The Camp Gordon team, considered one of the greatest service teams in America, certainly will put Heisman's squad to perhaps the severest test of this season.

But we are going into that contest with the thought of victory," declared Heisman. "One of the things that has helped us is that Struphar, now with the opposition, knows many of the tricks that were successful for us last year, and which we have used with splendid results in our first three games. Georgia Tech is confident that it will bring results that will be gratifying to Georgia Tech."

## \$100,000 IN RING TALENT IN NAVY

All-Star Card That Would Make Promoter Envious.

GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION, Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 25.—Great Lakes fight circles are humming with activity following the announcement that navy fighters are to show at the London ring for King George's trophy next month. A hundred thousand dollars in prize money is displayed daily in the big gymnasium. Fights that retail for a five spot and up in beef life are open and free to the gods every afternoon. Not one bout—a half dozen or more.

Picture this all-star card in real fights, not love tap exhibitions, and ask a live wire promoter the cost of producing it.

Richie Mitchell vs. Johnny Eckland.  
Pal Moore vs. Len Schneider.  
Cal Delaney vs. Vince Pokorney.  
Jake Shiffer vs. Joe Sherman.  
Dennis O'Keefe vs. Jack Helms.

Possibly they are shifted with Mitchell drawing the tiny Schneider some days and Delaney hooking up with Sherman. Or again Memphis Mike might work with a heavier boy like Pokorney or Shiffer. They don't draw their pay in skyrockets. Nor are there arguments over a purse. They draw their pay in skyrockets. The assembled gobs reasonably a bit of hero worship around the camps. Great Lakes have been invited to send a team of five heavyweights to London for the interallied ring tournament. The request came from Admiral Sims and was relayed inland by the bureau of navigation. The selections are being made by Commander John B. Kaufman, athletic officer, and are certain to include one bantam, one heavyweight, one lightweight, one welter and a middleweight.

As 25 more or less famous professionals are on the station the competition for the overseas trip is such as to send a brief trial with Britishers. The reputation of Great Lakes is behind them. Even though Moore and Mitchell are reasonably certain of the journey they are training like they never trained before.

## TIPPAN COUNTY WOMEN BUSY WITH WAR WORK

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Oct. 25.—(Sp.)—The following substantial work has recently been done by the Tippah county women's committee of the Council of National Defense, according to Mrs. John A. Smallwood, chairman of the organization:

The committee has weighed and measured more than 200 babies and children below the age of 6 in getting the better baby movement before the mothers of the county; has raised nearly three times the amount asked from this county for the election of convalescent American hospitals in France; has the supervision of a number of French orphans being supported by local individuals and organizations; has aided materially in the handling of the recent registration of the new draftees and will presently begin the distribution and collection of home food cards to be issued to the various households of the county under the direction of the national food administration. The committee likewise did yeoman service in helping out Tippah over the top in the fourth Liberty loan.

### GOES TO CLEVELAND.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Oct. 25.—(Sp.)—L. A. Hix, formerly assistant postmaster at Blue Mountain, has just received an appointment from Washington as postmaster at Cleveland, Miss., and will assume his duties there at an early date. Postmaster-Elect Hill had for some time been employed in the office at Cleveland. Hill is well known in North Mississippi, where he has served for many seasons as a high school principal.

## DESCRIBE TERRIBLE CRUELITIES IN RED TERRORISM REIGN

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 25. (By the Associated Press.)—Executions are the most merciful part of the red terror practiced in Moscow and Petrograd, according to several neutral observers who have just arrived in Sweden. These men have watched Bolshevik activities in the two great Russian cities for many weeks. They had no personal interests involved and no personal friends affected by the reign of slaughter and terror which probably is unparalleled in the world's history.

What thousands perhaps have been executed, the list of victims is far less appalling than the ruthless manner in which political prisoners have been sent to death without a semblance of legal trial, the heartlessness with which they were treated and the utter indifference of the Bolshevik officials to appeals of heartbroken relatives who have been forced to suspend and not allowed to learn what has become of loved ones.

Verified stories of scenes at Moscow and Petrograd indicate a picture of the most barbarous of the middle ages and make the cruelties of the Russian revolution seem almost humane. Women prisoners are kept in the most degrading conditions and many of them are women, are even more heartless than the men and trample under foot all the better instincts expected of their sex.

In Petrograd Madame Jakovleva has been placed at the head of the commission for suppression of counter-revolution, and to her credit the terror has abated somewhat under her administration. She apparently hesitates to shoot and imprison with the same indifference that characterized the regime of Moses Uritsky and William Shafstol, an American trained anarchist, who held the post for a short time after Uritsky was assassinated late in August.

### ALITZER'S SON DIES.

Oren Alitzer, son of the famous minor league veteran, and himself a promising prospect as a ball player, is carrying the obituary of "killed in action" in France, and thus "Dare Devil Dave," one of the game's most popular figures, has been laid to rest. The sorrow, for he idolized his boy. But it is softened by the fact that the noble service that his country fighting for the freedom of all peoples, as the father had fought in the Spanish-American war, and was among the first to answer his country's call. He was a hero and a patriot, and his friends in baseball will miss him.

### FLU IS ABATING.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Oct. 25. (Sp.)—The epidemic of influenza that has been raging here for several days is abating, physicians say. Only one death occurred in several days and there are not so many new cases. But few cases are in the county outside of the towns.

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## SPORT SHRAPNEL

President Comiskey of the White Sox, who donated use of his ball park for two football games to be played in November by service teams to take the place of athletic equipment for soldiers at Camp Grant.

Harry Pearce, who played second base for the Phillies for a while last season, is making a great reputation in soccer with a team at Bristol, Pa., and already is being picked for an all-star soccer team in the East.

Nick Williams, well known as a baseball player and manager all up and down the Pacific coast, is at Camp Taylor, near Louisville, in an officers' training school. He is in a game against months' intensive training in heavy artillery.

Lieut. Harold Lawry, formerly of the Boston Red Sox, who has been stationed at a camp in Massachusetts, has been transferred to Camp Bowie, where he is attached to a new army division being formed for early service abroad.

James A. Gilmore, who will be remembered as the president of the Federal league back in 1914 and 1915, has enlisted in the motor transport service of the army. He is 42 years of age, but says he wants to fight and will do it by helping to supply.

Frank Bruggy, well-known minor league player, last season with Newark in the International league, who has been stationed at Camp Dix, has passed the examination for the officers' training school and has been sent to Camp Gordon for instruction. Bruggy has been playing professional baseball for ten years.

Pitcher Speed Martin, who finished the Pacific Coast league season and then joined the Chicago Cubs, has been ordered to report to the army training station at Camp Lewis, Wash., by his local draft board at Marysville, Cal. His enlistment will add one more star to the National league champions' service flag.

John Milus, formerly a pitcher with the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been stationed at Camp Grant, near Rockford, Ill., to claim his dead body they found their soldier boy very much alive. Needles, whose home is at Collinsville, Ill., and who is in army training at Camp Grant, was reported in the newspapers as dead of influenza. He had enlisted in the motor transport service, but it couldn't kill the husky ball player.

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Michael J. O'Neill, famous old-timer minor league pitcher and after that still more famous as a minor league manager, has deserted the old home town of Minooka, Ill., and is making his home in Shreveport, where he is employed by a big oil concern. Last season O'Neill managed the Shreveport team of the Texas league and he will return to that position when baseball is resumed in the Texas circuit.

The National league got in on the fourth Liberty loan drive with a purchase of \$15,000, as a body, not count-

### EVERS HARD TO FIND.

One has to go to the news columns to get real information as to the whereabouts of John Evers, rather than to his "own" daily stories being printed on some sporting pages. A war correspondent in the New England and Eastern leagues, in 1912 he was given a trial by the New York Americans, and previous to that a brief trial with Brooklyn. The Cincinnati club at one time also had a claim on him. He has been attached to the 110th infantry in France.

### GIANTS GETTING FAT.

Former members of the New York Giants who are working in the vicinity of Jersey City in shipyard and munition plants and who are maintaining a baseball organization to play Sunday games are making good money out of their play. On a recent Sunday \$500 turned out to see the game. A Liberty loan drive was put on during the game and the players, shipped in by Art Fletcher, Larry Doyle and Lew McCarty each subscribed for \$1000. It is stated, which George Burns took from worth of bonds. Al Demaree, Dick Causey, Hal Chase and others are members of these war "Giants" who, despite the name they maintain, appear on the field in old uniforms of the Jersey City International league team.

### WOFFORD SCHEDULE.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 25.—Three football schedules for Wofford College for the 1918 season was announced yesterday by Manager A. N. Brunson, Jr. Five games are provided for. The Thanksgiving date has been fixed. It is expected that negotiations now in progress will close this date at once.

The schedule is as follows:  
Oct. 26—Clemson, at Clemson.  
Nov. 2—Davidson, at Davidson.  
Nov. 9—Furman, at Spartanburg.  
Nov. 16—Eskine, at Wofford.  
Nov. 23—University of South Carolina, at Columbia.

### PAT NEE ACCUSED.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 25.—Patrick Nee, well known in Pittsburgh and eastern Pennsylvania as a sporting writer, before Roger Knox, U. S. commissioner, yesterday to answer to a charge of having in his possession \$50,000 worth of opium. He was released on \$5,000 bail for further hearing. He declined to make a statement.

Internal revenue agents believe that with the arrest of Nee they have rounded up the head of a national "dope ring." Harry Jacob and John C. Goodman are also under arrest in connection with the investigation.

### JESS ACCEPTS INVITATION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, accepted an invitation to appear in an exhibition bout for the benefit of the United war work campaign, in a telegram received here last night by the sports committee. The message, dated Wichita Falls, Texas, read:

"Will gladly box for war work campaign."

It was announced that the sports committee would select Willard's opponent and the date and place of the match, which probably will be staged at one of the large army cantonments.

### HEYDLER WILL REFUSE.

John Heydler is quoted as saying in a personal letter to a baseball scribe in the East that he doesn't want the National league presidency and would not accept it unless it were made clear to him he should not refuse. He is satisfied with his job as secretary and doesn't care to add to his burdens.

### THORPE'S SON DIES.

News comes from Yale, Okla., of the death of the son of Jim Thorpe, Indian outfielder of the New York Giants. The boy, aged 3 years, was taken suddenly ill and died at a hospital. Thorpe fairly idolized his son and is said to be badly broken up, as a result of his death.

### JACKIES VS. N. U.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The football team of the Great Lakes naval training station will play Northwestern University Saturday. It was announced last night. Northwestern is being guaranteed \$1,000 for the game, although no admission will be charged.

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